

WASHINGTON TIMES SPORTS

BRAVES' PILOT DECIDES ON YOUNGSTERS FOR NEXT SEASON

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—George Washington Grant has decided to build up a team of youngsters. He is quietly, but quickly, getting rid of his veterans in the Hub. He has cut his roster to 15 pitchers, one of whom may be traded this winter; three catchers, one of whom, Hank Gowdy, may depart also; three infielders and four outfielders. Listen to Brother Grant explain his daring move:

"Something has been said about a housecleaning that Tris Speaker has made in Cleveland," he began. "Look at the one I've made. I am going to keep it up, for I am determined to get a winning team of youngsters instead of quarreling and trading and lying with other club owners in picking over a lot of damaged goods.

"In the first place, we can't afford to go out and buy stars as the owners of the wealthy clubs do, for the money isn't coming in at the gate. If it was I'd buy as quickly as anybody, for you can get quicker action. But that avenue of improving my team is closed, so with Fred Mitchell, as smart a manager with young ball players as there is in the big leagues, I have decided to begin building from the ground. We will develop our own team. I have Dick Rudolph, a clever coach of pitchers, and Arthur Devlin, a great teacher of infielders, and hitters, to assist Mitchell.

"We can't let all the veterans go, of course. But I have disposed of a lot of useless material. I sold Hugh McQuillan to the Giants, received two young pitchers and a good piece of money, and have spent part of that for promising minor league material. McQuillan couldn't win for us, so there was no reason why we shouldn't let him go.

"I have let Lloyd Christenbury go to Indianapolis, Walter Barbare and Fred Nicholson go to Toledo, and have sold Walter Holke to the Phillies. I want more speed. I think I can get it with the young men we now have in line.

"I have five fine young southpaw pitching prospects. They are Matthews from the Norfolk club, Hultman, who came to us in the McQuillan deal, Coney, the leading pitcher of the Eastern League, Anderson from Waterbury and Rixton, who was with us last year. I have two right-handers. I have Tim McNamara, who made the Giant fans sit up when he shut out the champions last in the year; Genevich, Lynch, Larry Benton, another part of the pay for McQuillan, and Seanigan, who also showed well at the Fall grounds.

"We will try out three promising young outfielders—Felix of Beaumont, a 300 hitter in the Texas League; Bagwell, who batted .402 in Independence, Kan., and Rorer, who was tried for a short time last fall. These boys may need more seasoning, but they are coming stars, I believe.

"For infielders we will start Henry's first base. Then we have Padgett, R. Smith, Schmehl, Gallagher and L. Smith, all infielders. Lively, hustling youngsters with good records. Two of these are able to stick, for I have only Ford, Kopf and Boeckel of last year's infield.

"I may dispose of one of my old pitchers, and will let Hank Gowdy go if I can make a good trade for him. He is tired of Boston, and I don't blame him for wishing a change, for he may do better with another club.

"I will have O'Neill and Gibson as catchers in case he goes, and may get a young one I have my eyes on. 'Southworth, Powell, Cruise and Nixon are the veteran outfielders. If we aren't crippled as we were last year we may get somewhere in 1923, but if our youngsters pan out, look out for us in 1924.

"It seems a long way ahead, but that's what you must do when you begin rebuilding a team from the ground."

EXTRA HIKE TO DUGOUT FOR YANKEES

Four Step, Instead of Three, to "Cellar" of New Stadium.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The architectural plans of the new Yankee Stadium will go "bloody" if Manager Miller Huggins has his way. The mite manager of the twice-dribbled Yankees is planning to bottle all the excess energy in hopes of having it on hand when the Yanks and Giants clash next October.

Huggins gave the new plant the "once over" and everything made a hit with him with the single exception of one detail.

"Everything is peaches," says Huggins, "but the dugout is too low."

No, you're wrong. It's not because Huggins fears he'll have to stand on a soap box to look out to the field. It's worse.

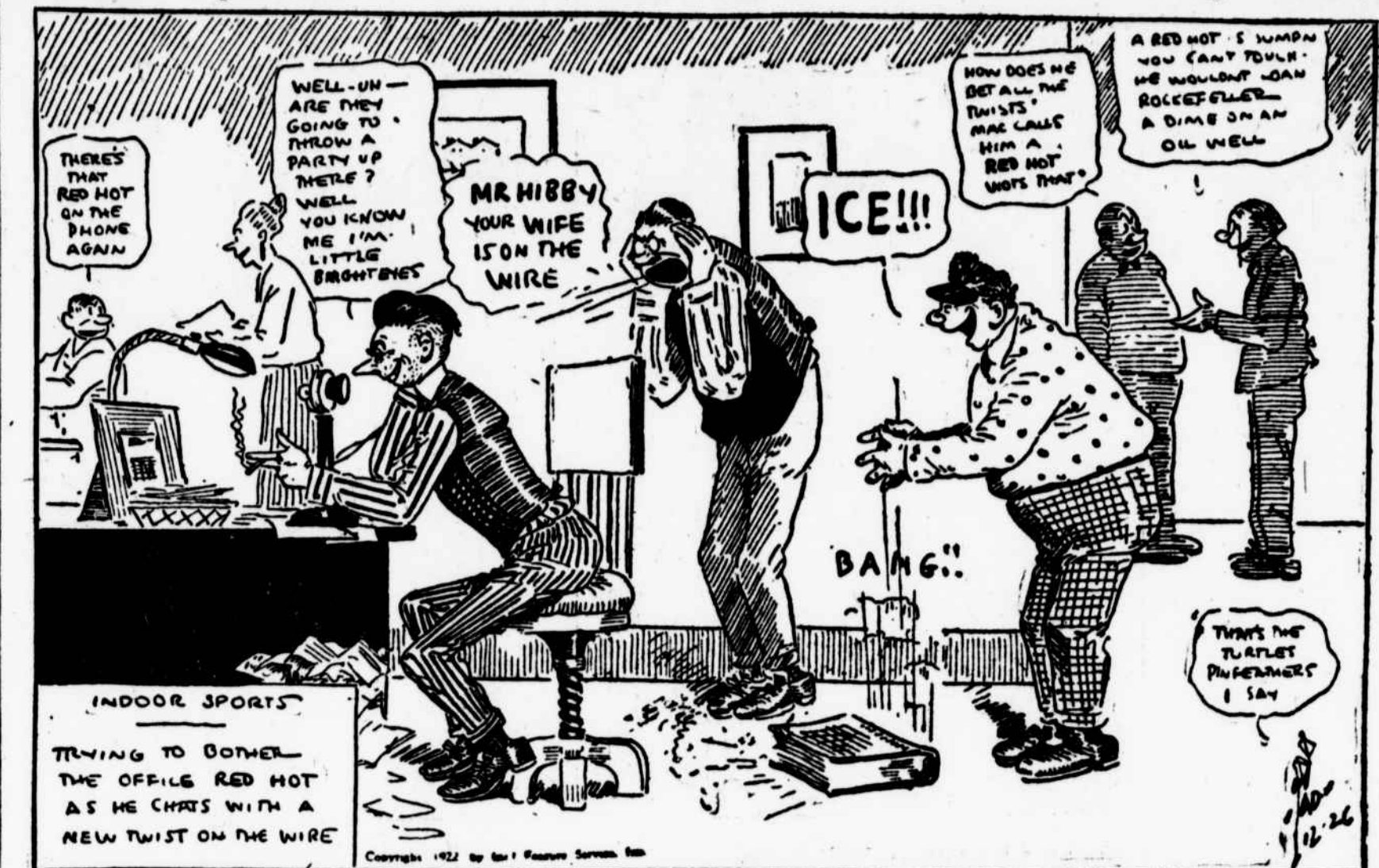
There are four steps leading to the dugout and there only should be three. Result. Plenty of wasted energy. That extra step means a lot. With an average of twelve men taking part in a ball game, each step measuring a foot, it means that the players will have wandered three extra miles during the season.

It's a terrible state of affairs.

Yosemite Wins.

Yosemite A. C. trimmed the fast Lexington A. C. 43 to 22 in the Ingram gym. Simmons and Stevens each scored seven baskets for Yosemite.

Indoor Sports



INDOOR SPORTS TRYING TO BOTHER THE OFFICE RED HOT AS HE CHATS WITH A NEW TWIST ON THE WIRE

Olson Refuses Job to Pilot Minor Outfit

Ivan Olson, of the Robins, who is slated to be cast adrift by the Brooklyn before another spring training season rolls around, was recently offered a chance to become a minor league manager, but refused the job. The San Antonio club, of the Texas League, tried to sign Olson as playing manager for next year, but the aggressive infielder did not like the terms offered.

It is said that when Olson wanted \$2,500 for signing a contract negotiations halted. Olson is still a member of the Robins, but before the winter is over he may sign to manage some minor league team.

NEW LEADER OF GRIFFS KNOWS BASEBALL

By MALCOLM MAC LEAN.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Donie Bush's appointment to the management of the Washington Senators has stirred up almost as much surprise as did that of Frank Chance to a similar post with the Boston Red Sox. In a way, it was even more of an upset, because there had been numerous hints and rumors of Chance's coming back into the big show, but Bush's name had not been even vaguely hinted at so far as we have been able to discover.

Bush is the sort of a fellow who should make good. He has much the same fighting disposition as Clark Griffith himself. After Griffith gave up active management of his team on the field the berth went first to McBride and then to Clyde Milan. Both of these splendid fellows were along the same type. They were good ball players, but not exactly fighting leaders. They were too good-natured.

The former Detroit shortstop, slung for Bush, is a scrapper. This fact was brought home to the writer the first time he ever saw him play in a major league uniform, which also happened to be his first game as a Tiger. That spring, it was the year Billy Sullivan was manager of the White Sox, and was either 1908 or 1909, the Chicago club opened the season at Detroit.

Charley O'Leary had been the Detroit shortstop up to that season, but the Tigers had obtained Bush from the association, where he had been a flash. And in that inaugural series, two things stand out in our recollection.

One was the peppery, aggressive, amazing fielding of Bush, the recruit of the Tigers, and the other the long home run Cactus Cravath, White Sox recruit outfielder, put over the left field wall of the old park.

In that first engagement it so happened that these two youngsters exhibited the traits which later brought them fame—Bush as an aggressive player and Cravath as a home-run slugger.

Strangely enough, both of these lads later became managers of major league clubs—Cactus Cravath of the Phillies and now Donie Bush of the Senators.

There's another thing we recall about Bush. Always a good hitter, he was a victim of a hoodoo whenever he faced Pitcher Jim Scott of the White Sox.

He went, it seemed, years before he made his first safe wall-off "Death Valley Jim." He could Whack the offerings of Ed Walsh, of Doc White and the rest of that mighty South Side staff, but Scott had him helpless. He couldn't hit.

Then one afternoon he scratched a hit and danced all the way down to first base, winding up by putting his hands on his knees and shouting over to Scott, "Now look out for me, Jim."

It is probable that Bush will act as bench manager, as he has passed his active days as a player. Last season he was a sort of a substitute, probably wishing the athletes good luck at fair speed for a time, but it is scarcely likely he'll attempt any come-back stuff.

COAST BATTLE MARKED BY THRILLS

West Virginia Wins First Game For East by Defeating Gonzaga, 21 to 13.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 26.—West Virginia has started off the East vs. West post-season series with victory, defeating Gonzaga, of Spokane, Wyo., at the new stadium here on Christmas Day, 21 to 13, in one of the most thrilling contests ever seen.

In each of the first three periods the Eastern Mountaineers put across a touchdown and, as the final period got under way, the Wyoming Bulldogs began a feverish aerial attack that gave them two touchdowns before the final whistle.

After working down to Gonzaga's goal line twice in the first period, Nardacci, West Virginia's backfield star, tore around outside of Ashmole, Gonzaga's left tackle, for the first touchdown. Ekberg kicked goal.

In the second period Captain Meredith intercepted a Gonzaga forward pass and, fighting his way through a broken line, ran between yards for the second touchdown. Ekberg again kicking goal.

Gonzaga began to show its class in the second half, but its passes failed to bring a score and, following an exchange of punts, West Virginia drove the ball at midfield. The Easterners drove their way down the field and Nardacci forward passed to Simon behind Gonzaga's goal line for the third touchdown. Ekberg's goal brought the score to 21 to 0.

West Virginia played largely a defensive game in the fourth period. Gonzaga's brilliant aerial attack brought two touchdowns. Stock down plunked through the line for the first one and Bross got the other.

The heat and dust bothered the Eastern players considerably, but there was little to choose between the elevens. Forward passes brought most of the gains for both sides, the defensive play of the lines being strong.

TECH BASKETERS PLAY CHURCH TEAM TONIGHT

Tech High will try its skill for the second time when the Metropolitan Baptist Church team is encountered tonight in the Ingram gym.

In their first game the Manual Trainers were trimmed by the Tech alumni.

Wilhoit Still Hits.

Joe Wilhoit, a veteran outfielder with experience in both major circuits, can still hit 'em where they ain't, as his record of .317 with Salt Lake in the Coast League indicates.

M'GRAW IS TO BE REAL BOSS OF CLUB

Stoneham Will Retire, Leaving Muggsy President and Manager of Champions.

By DAVIS J. WALSH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—John McGraw is considering a proposition whereby he will assume the dual role of president and manager of the New York Giants. It became known today. In spite of all denials, Charles A. Stoneham, it seems, wishes to retire from baseball, and the first step in this direction calls for McGraw to be placed in supreme command of Giant affairs at a salary commensurate with the importance and responsibility of the position.

Ultimately, this will mean the passing of McGraw as manager of the ball club. At present, it means nothing. McGraw will continue as manager and Stoneham as principal stockholder of the club until such time as a change is deemed advisable. Offhand, we would venture that nothing will be done in this connection until 1924.

The reason for this is both obvious and pressing. McGraw, Stoneham and Judge Francis X. McQuade bought the Giant franchise in 1919 on the basis of 1,370 shares each for McGraw and Stoneham and seventy shares for McQuade. With McGraw and McQuade having a five-year option on Stoneham's holding at the price he paid for them. It is understood that the entire deal was swung for \$1,900,000, but Sunday baseball and a sound development has increased the value of the club to such an extent that Stoneham is not at all anxious to sell out until the option expires.

Meanwhile, however, his business and racing interests are claiming his attention and the proposition that McGraw should take over the responsibility of running the club is in line with his desire to escape the claim baseball exacts upon his time.

He has made McGraw a flattering offer. The latter is more or less dazzled by the promised financial returns and is considering it. At the moment, the matter of handing over the direction of the team on the field to another man hasn't occurred to him. He sincerely believes that he can handle both the executive and playing end of the club, and may make the attempt to do so.

Inevitably he will find his duties too irksome, however, and neglect of one side or the other will follow. There are those who give the decision as to whether he wants to be a club president or a club manager. No man can be both and adequately meet the demands of a business which has the New York Giants represent.

WASHINGTON COLLEGIANS BOOK FORDHAM QUINT

Fordham University will play the Washington Collegians here on Sunday, February 11. It is announced by George Simpson, the Collegians' manager, who is angling for dates with other college quintets. Fordham's athletic directors obtained special permission from the faculty to play the Sunday game. Tonight the Washington Collegians, who are out making good the Yankees' title, will play the fast Bolling Field aviators, in the Congress Heights auditorium. Recently the aviators set down the Mohawks, who have a fine array of talent. Joe Fitzgerald will referee tonight's contest which will start at 8:15 o'clock.

THREE CITIES ARE OUT OF TROTTERS' CIRCUIT

Philadelphia, Reading and Poughkeepsie have announced their withdrawal from the eastern wing of the Grant circuit. The annual meeting of the trotting leaders will be held at Toledo, Ohio, next month and efforts will be made to replace these three cities.

CAMP DECLARES EDDIE KAW GREATEST

Eleven Institutions Represented on First All-Star Team Named by Authority.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—One man each from Navy, Princeton, Lafayette, Army, Harvard, Pennsylvania, California, Iowa, Cornell, Michigan and Chicago appears in the lineup of Walter Camp's all-American team made public in the current issue of Collier's. For the first time in many years, no college can muster more than one man in the first team elections and of the entire list, covering three teams, only the Navy, Princeton, the Army, Harvard, California, Iowa, Michigan and Yale can boast of two or more players named. Michigan leads the way in this respect with three places, one for each team.

After commenting on his selections as embodying the coordination of mentality, power and spirit, Camp said:

"Practically every man in the back field is a threat, not of one kind of an attack, but of three while in the line we have ends who can block tackles; tackles who can get the jump on their guards and then clean up the secondary; guards who can open holes, can take part in further interference, and a center accurate and steady in his passing and still instantly useful after his pass is made.

He also expounds at length upon the ability of the team on defense and the possibilities it would afford as an exponent of the overhead game. In every instance, save one, he has picked his men for position; they occupied throughout the season, the sole exception being Gordon Locke, of Iowa, who is named for first team quarterback in spite of the fact that he played the majority of games at full back.

Incidentally Camp pays a notable tribute to the ability of Eddie Kaw, of Cornell, when he refers to him as "the greatest all-around back field player in the country."

The selections follow:

First Team—End, Taylor, Navy; tackle, Treat, Princeton; guard, Schwab, Lafayette; center, Garbisch, Army; guard, Hubbard, Harvard; tackle, Thurman, Pennsylvania; end, Muller, California; quarterback, Locke, Iowa; halfback, Kaw, Cornell; halfback, Kipke, Michigan; fullback, J. Thomas, Chicago.

Second Team—End, Kirk, Michigan; tackle, Waldorf, Syracuse; guard, Cross, Yale; center, Browner, Pittsburgh; guard, Setron West Virginia; tackle, Neidinger, Dartmouth; end, Bomar, Vanderbilt; quarterback, Smyth, Army; halfback, Morrison, California; halfback, Owen, Harvard; fullback, Barron, Georgia Tech.

Third Team—End, Kopf, W. and J.; tackle, Below, Wisconsin; guard, McMullen, Illinois; center, Peterson, Nebraska; guard, Dickenson, Princeton; tackle, Gullan, Brown; end, Kadesky, Iowa; quarterback, Uteritz, Michigan; halfback, Jordan, Yale; halfback, Barchet, Navy; fullback, Castner, Notre Dame.

RANOCAS STABLE PLAYS BIG PART UPON TURF

Ever since Harry F. Sinclair formed the Ranocas Stable it has played an important part on the American turf, but it will be more important in 1923 than ever before as far as its numerical strength is concerned. In juveniles alone there are sixty-two that S. C. Hildreth is making ready for racing. These are equally divided with thirty-one colts and an equal number of fillies.

Several of them were bred at Mr. Sinclair's Ranocas farm and the others were purchased. Of these twenty were obtained in one lot from Harry Payne Whitney's Brookdale farm. Just what ones of the older horses will be brought back is problematical at this time, but the stable will surely be a particularly strong one in each age division.

PENN STATE TEAM HAS FIRST SECRET PRACTICE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 26.—Penn State's varsity eleven held its first secret practice this morning at the Southern California stadium. The Nittany Lions are in excellent physical condition, showing plenty of life after their long ride across the country from Pennsylvania. California will use the stadium in the afternoon, giving the mornings over to the visitors.

YALE TRACK STAR HAS EYE ON INDOOR HONORS

Tommy Campbell, Yale's track captain and one of our leading half milers is working hard on the outdoor track at New Haven in preparation for the many races he has in mind for the indoor season which will begin shortly after the opening of school following the Christmas recess. Campbell, who is a native of Chicago, has eyes on several of the special races ranging from 440 to 1,000 yards, as well as the quarter mile race at the indoor Intercollegiate on March 3.

The Yale leader has not been running in the best of luck for the past few years, or ever since going to the Blue stronghold. He has won several big races, to be sure, but his record which preceded him to New Haven has not been wholly lived up to, and, as a result, the Windy City is eager to get out there and show real form this winter and during the outdoor season next spring.

As a youngster, Tommy was one of the speediest big boys running through all the wide West, and before he decided to come to Yale many scholastic records shivered and several tumbled from their niches in the halls of schoolboy fame.

Yale was considered lucky to have correlated such a sterling trackman, and the acquisition of the Middle Western star was looked upon as a sort of "coup" on the other colleges in this section of the country.

All did not turn out as expected, however, and Campbell has yet to show the consistent form that made him one of the greatest schoolboy runners of his time.

Going to New Haven several autumn ago, Campbell annexed the freshman Intercollegiate cross-country title at the three-mile distance. Fans believed this to be the beginning of a string of phenomenal performances, but time after time the Yale runner has disappointed his staunch admirers, and, although he has turned in some sterling performances, he has yet to win an intercollegiate title.

The Eli captain was a competitor in the 800-meter race at the 1920 Olympics at Antwerp, and in this race that he met with failure of a nature that may have a great deal to do with his lack of consistent success on the track.

As the spectators and all followers of track will recall this particular race in Antwerp was one of the most thrilling and at the same time one of the greatest tests that any runner could ever expect to be called upon to face during an ordinary career. The track was a man killer and the field one of the classiest that ever faced a starter.

A. G. Hill, of England; Basil Rudd, of South Africa; Earl Eddy, of Penn.; Don Scott, former Mississippi College runner and national half-mile champion in 1916, and several other high class men were the opponents of the Yale man on that August afternoon two years ago.

The pace was terrific from the start and when nearing the finish, Campbell, who up to that time had been up with the pace setters, was seen to topple over on the track. When officials reached the fallen runner he was found to be unconscious, and it was more than an hour later before he fully regained his senses.

Joel Ray, in speaking of the incident later, stated that on several previous occasions Campbell had collapsed during hard races in and around Chicago.

While this has not actually happened to him in the East it is felt that many of his failures to "come through" when he seemed prepared for victory may be laid to his blow-up at Antwerp and similar breakdowns in earlier races. It will be recalled that Campbell practically collapsed at the three-quarter mark in the mile run in the intercollegiate at the Harvard stadium two years ago.

Campbell has been at odds with the Yale track coaches for some time, but with a new track mentor installed at New Haven track fans are mad to expect better things from the Eli speed king.

The Yale leader is alleged to have openly declared to the committee on athletics at New Haven that he had not been properly conditioned for many of his races during the past few years and to have asked for a new coach.

Whether the new track mentor

M'MANUS HITS RUNS WHEN NEEDED

Sends Over More Tallies Than Sister With Average of .312.

When is a batting average of .312 more valuable than the league's highest percentage of 419.

Marty McManus, of the Browns, will be able to dispute with George Sisler as to what is what in valuable batting points following the 1922 season.

There was Sisler pacing the entire field with his .419 average. Down the list is found McManus with his .312 mark.

Yet McManus, with his .312 batting average, drove in more runs for the St. Louis Browns last season than Sisler with a mark of .19. The batting of McManus was responsible for 109 runs; Sisler, 105.

And don't forget that they pay off officially on the number of runs scored, not the base hits.

McManus developed into a brilliant ball player last season. His value at the plate is shown in comparison with other high averages, for Cobb, at .399, drove in only 99 runs. Heilmann, at .356, sent across 82, and Wallie Piatek, at .329, sent 90 notes across the platter.

The development and discovery of McManus is another one of those long shots in baseball. He was plucked from the minor club, or the Western League, during the close of the 1920 season as a third baseman or a first baseman. In fact, anything but a good second baseman.

The first day he put on his uniform Manager Lee Fohl detected a secret practice this morning in the Southern California stadium. The Nittany Lions are in excellent physical condition, showing plenty of life after their long ride across the country from Pennsylvania. California will use the stadium in the afternoon, giving the mornings over to the visitors.

SEVEN INFELDERS WANT JOBS WITH CUBS

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Seven strong-arm, hard-hitting infielders, all but two of them youngsters, will try for two places with the Cubs next spring. It looks like a merry little scrap when the Bruins pitch camp at Mr. Wrigley's Catalina Isle along around the first of March, 1923, and may continue well past the opening of the playing season.

Ray Grimes is certain of remaining at first base and Capt. Charles Hollocher at shortstop. This pair simply couldn't be pried loose. Any major who swats the agate in the neighborhood of .350 stands no danger of losing his regular job. So you can set it down as a final fact that Grimes and Hollocher will be in there at their usual spots.

But third base and second base—ah, those are different stories. No fellow has an inside track there. It's simply a matter of getting out and fighting with the positions open to those showing the best.

Just for a moment let's run over the names and see what we have for the second and third spots.

Zeb Terry, regular second sacker last year, who hit almost .300.

Grantham, a second and third baseman, who did better than .350 with Omaha in the Western last season and had a tryout in the last few games of the Bear schedule.

Adams, the little second and third sacker of Wichita Falls in the Texas league, who cracked the agate in the neighborhood of .380. Adams also had a trial with the Cubs late in the fall.

Barney Friberg, a veteran outfielder of the Cubs, who did better than .300 for them with the hickory, who has been used occasionally at third and second.

Johnny Kelleher, another veteran.

Europe Must Create Wider Interest in Sport

European nations are realizing that their only chance to compete with the United States in Olympic competition in 1924 is to create a wider interest in sport and interest a greater number of competitors.

It is calculated that the number of athletes in competition in this country for the 1924 games will number almost 1,000,000.

Charles H. Sherrill, who recently returned from the meeting of the Olympic conference, reports that Europeans find difficulty in realizing such widespread enthusiasm in sports as exists in this country.

The rivalry, however, has become so keen that they are prepared to follow our lead and recruit all the athletes possible for the preliminary competitions.

who was regular third baseman last season until hurt a couple of times.

DeViveros, the peppery Portuguese third baseman, gives a brief trial last spring, but who didn't quite have the necessary experience. This Oakland lad went like a house afire for Henryetta, Okla., of the Western Association, last year, hitting better than .300.

Barrett, the slugging third baseman of Little Rock.

Of this seven the only men of much age are Kelleher and Terry. The others can almost be called untested lads. There is a lot of fight and ambition in that group. Every last man has a strong throwing arm. The few games Terry played at third on the spring trip proved he had the strength necessary to whip them across the infield.

Terry, Grantham, Adams, Kelleher, and DeViveros have also had a whack at cornering shortstop, but there isn't a chance in the world to shove Charley Hollocher aside. So they'll all be in there wrestling for second and third.

PURSE OF SEVEN THOUSAND IS OFFERED

Golf Professionals to Play for Record Sum in San Antonio.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 26.—An entry list of 200, as compared with thirty-five last year, is expected for the second annual Texas open championship which will be held at Breckenridge Park here on January 25 to 27. Among the competitors will be the elite of the golf profession in the country, although doubts are expressed regarding Walter Hagen, British open champion, who is now on a tour with Joe Kirkwood, the Australian pro. Neither Gene Sarazen nor Jack Huihison will be on hand, both being booked up with dates in California at the time. But practically all the others, including Jim Barnes, Johnny Farrell, Bobby Cruikshank, Emmett French, Leo Diegel, Willie McLean, Bob MacDonald, Johnny Golden, Tom Carrigan, Emil Loeffler, Freddie McLeod and Charley Hoffman will be on hand to add lustre to the event.

A prize money this year will amount to \$7,000, the largest purse ever offered for a golf tournament in this country.

In addition to the San Antonio event there will also be open tournaments for the pros in Beaumont and Houston.

CLEVELAND'S PITCHERS TO VISIT HOT SPRINGS

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26.—Before reporting at Lakeland, Fla., for their regular spring training, the Indians' batterymen are to have a preliminary boiling out at Hot Springs, Ark. This applies only to the veterans, Pitchers Cosslewiek, Uhle and Sherrod Smith and Catcher O'Neill. The younger pitchers will report at Lakeland March 1, a week before the remainder of the squad.

Eighteen exhibition games have been booked. Twelve will be played in Florida with National League teams training there. The first will be with the Cincinnati Reds on March 15 at Orlando.

Waverly Challenges.

Waverly A. C. has challenged the winner of next Sunday's game between Mohawk Preps and Stantons at Union Park. Waverly asserts its right to be figured in any competition for the 145-pound class grid title on the strength of its splendid record for the season. St. Teresa, too, feels that it is not satisfactorily eliminated.

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DIAMONDS, WATCHES, JEWELRY

South End of Highway Bridge